



# Village of Savoy

**Savoy Municipal Center  
611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MINUTES OF</u></b> <b><u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</u></b></p>
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DATE: April 6, 2016

PLACE: SAVOY MUNICIPAL CENTER  
611 North Dunlap Avenue  
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Robert C. McCleary, Trustees John Brown, Joan Dykstra, Jan Carter Niccum, Rebecca Pittman, Dee Shonkwiler, and William A. Smith

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STAFF/PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Helton, Village Manager  
Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator  
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Paul Hendren, Village Attorney  
Billie Krueger, Village Clerk

STAFF/PERSONNEL ABSENT: Levi Kopmann, Director of Public Works/Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT: Julia Leatherwood, County Star  
Ben Quattrone, Executive Manager, Honda-BMW of Champaign

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 8:05 P.M.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL TAKEN, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President McCleary called the open and public Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called of President McCleary and the Trustees, with President McCleary and all Trustees being present and a quorum declared. President McCleary led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

President McCleary asked for public comment on the agenda items and non-agenda items. No public comment on agenda or non-agenda items.

**3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

President McCleary asked for other agenda items to be added. No other agenda items added.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **A. MINUTES – Board of Trustees Meeting of 3-2-16**

**Trustee Smith moved to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of 3-2-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Brown; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra; yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

##### **B. MINUTES – Board of Trustees Study Session of 3-9-16**

**Trustee Shonkwiler moved to approve the Board of Trustees Study Session Minutes of 3-9-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smith; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra; yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

##### **C. MINUTES – Board of Trustees of 3-16-16**

**Trustee Dykstra moved to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of 3-16-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smith; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

#### **5. BUSINESS**

##### **A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-06 – ARBOR DAY RESOLUTION**

**Trustee Brown moved to pass Resolution No. 2016R-06 – ARBOR DAY RESOLUTION, as presented, seconded by Trustee Niccum; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

##### **B. RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-07 – APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER COMPANY RATE INCREASE CASE**

**Trustee Niccum moved to pass Resolution No. 2016R-07, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;**

Discussion: Trustee Dykstra questioned the rate increase of over 20% and Savoy's cost sharing amount of \$1,414.15 that was so much higher than other surrounding municipalities with the same population size.

Attorney Hendren commented that Savoy will save more than it costs for participation in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Trustee Jan Niccum stated he was frustrated about Illinois American Water raising the rate, because it seemed like he used to get his water bill every other month, now he gets it once a month and it is the same amount. Also, he had seen that Illinois American Water has added several new fleet cars and wonders if this had driven their costs up.

Trustee Smith stated that he believed Savoy is lucky to have the Mahomet Aquifer in our area compared to surrounding communities and that water consumption has went down in this area.

**By Trustee vote on Resolution No. 2016R-07: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-08 – RESOLUTION REGARDING 100  
BURWASH DRIVE, SAVOY, ILLINOIS ECONOMIC INCENTIVE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONDA-BMW OF CHAMPAIGN AND VILLAGE  
OF SAVOY, ILLINOIS**

The Trustees reviewed the Economic Incentive Agreement between Honda-BMW and the Village of Savoy that would allow Honda/BMW to improve its facilities and expand its operation with the five-year deal beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2020 and giving them a maximum rebate in sales tax revenue to Honda/BMW of \$500,000, and if that is reached in less than five years, the agreement is fulfilled, and the agreement ends. Also, if Honda/BMW closes, moves or ceases to do business in Savoy before the end of the agreement, Honda/BMW is required to repay all rebated sales tax.

**Trustee Smith moved to pass Resolution No. 2016R-08, as presented, seconded by Trustee Niccum;**

It was noted that an email was sent to the Trustees from Charles Schultz, a resident of Savoy, stating his opposition to the planned tax incentive for Honda.

Trustee Smith stated he wanted concerned residents to understand the agreement is not related to the taxes collected for schools or property taxes in any way, but the tax rebate agreement is strictly limited to sales tax.

Discussion: President McCleary said the economic incentive would be a win-win for both parties, and this is one tool that we need to use, and we need to use it at the right place at the right time.

Ben Quattrone, Executive Manager of Honda/BMW, said the dealership has grown, and sales have increased in the past few years, and the dealership expects to sell 200 more Honda vehicles this year than last year, and business in its Honda service department is up 27 percent.

Trustee Pittman stated she believed the Twin City Honda and the Honda BMW of Champaign dealerships have always been a positive asset to the Savoy community.

Trustee Niccum said the agreement will keep a business that is doing very well local and he did not want to see any empty storefronts or a major empty lot, since it would be very difficult to fill an empty car lot.

Trustee Smith asked Quattrone how he felt about being in Savoy.

Quattrone said his experience has been good, he now has 68 employees, and the dealership is on pace to hit the numbers in the incentive agreement.

Trustee Dykstra stated she has always been cautious about tax incentive agreements, but the Honda dealership has been a faithful business to Savoy and she knows that there are several Savoy constituents that do not understand why “Savoy” was not in their business name. Dykstra also said that the agreement is not just beneficial to the business, but to the Village also and the deal will have a long-term economic benefit to both.

Quattrone stated that they had to tie the name to the larger community, thus Honda/BMW of Champaign and everybody he talked to, when he first arrived here, did not even know where Savoy was.

**By Trustee vote on Resolution No. 2016R-08: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. VILLAGE MANAGER**

Richard Helton presented his written monthly report for the month of March 2016.

Helton also informed everyone that demolition of the Village's properties on Church Street will begin next Monday, 4-11-16, and the target to demolish the properties should be completed by the end of April.

### **B. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEER**

In Levi Kopmann's absence, Dick Helton presented the Public Works Department written monthly report for the month of March 2016.

### **C. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Dan Davies presented to the Trustees his Zoning Report for the month of March 2016.

### **D. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dennis Donaldson presented to the Trustees his Planning and Economic Development Report for the month of March 2016.

### **E. CLERK**

The Village Clerk presented her written monthly report for the month of March 2016.

### **F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

The Village Attorney's Status Report and statement for legal services for March 2016 was presented to the Trustees for review.

## **7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees meeting, upon motion by Trustee Brown to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Smith, President McCleary adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Billie Jean Krueger*

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

**This meeting was recorded.**

**Approved 5-4-16**